

REMARKS

Claims 10 and 11 are objected to as follows: Claim 10 recites: "3.Itoreq.N.Itoreq.6, K=0, and M=N-1" and Claim 11 recites: "7.Itoreq.N.Itoreq.9, K=1, and M=N-2". Claims 10 and 11 have been amended their respective proper formulas.

Claims 12-15 and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. Specifically, Claim 12 sets forth a "computer program product, tangibly embodied in an information carrier". Correspondingly, Claims 12-15 and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter and the claimed invention lacks patentable utility. In response, Applicant has canceled Claims 12-15 and 17-19.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has allowed Claims 1-4 and 6-11.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1667.

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